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Just when you thought it couldn't get any better than John Byrne's recently completed *landmark mini-series,* ***The Man of Steel,*** we think you might like to know:

You ain't seen nothin' yet!

The Man of Steel reshaped the past and present of Superman, paving the way for a spectacular future—because beginning this month, the three regular ongoing Superman titles make their debut, and the word exciting just doesn't begin to cover it!

The explosive action ***starts*** off in the pages of ***Superman #1*** with the introduction of Metallo, the man with the green Kryptonite heart. The *only* piece of Kryptonite on Earth! That makes him the Metropolis Marvel's deadliest foe, but it also makes Metallo prey to every other villain on Earth who wants his heart to use against Superman! John Byrne writes and pencils this title, and as if the story and art alone weren't special enough, ***Superman*** also reunites John with his most famous inker, Terry Austin.

Then it's on to the ***Adventures of Superman #424.*** The numbering may be continued from the *"old"* title, but the name and content are as new and exciting as its companion book, ***Superman!*** Marv Wolfman, Jerry Ordway, and Mike Machlan will be handling the creative chores, beginning with Superman's encounter with the menace of the deadly Man O' War, not to mention chronicling the tragedy that befalls the Lane family.

We end "Superman Month" back in the title where the legend began almost 50 years ago, in ***Action Comics #584,*** now the regular Superman team-up book. When you're as powerful as Superman and you start to lose control over your body, that's bound to lead to major league trouble. Such Earth-threatening menaces are *usually* right up the Teen Titans' alley—but not this time! John handles the

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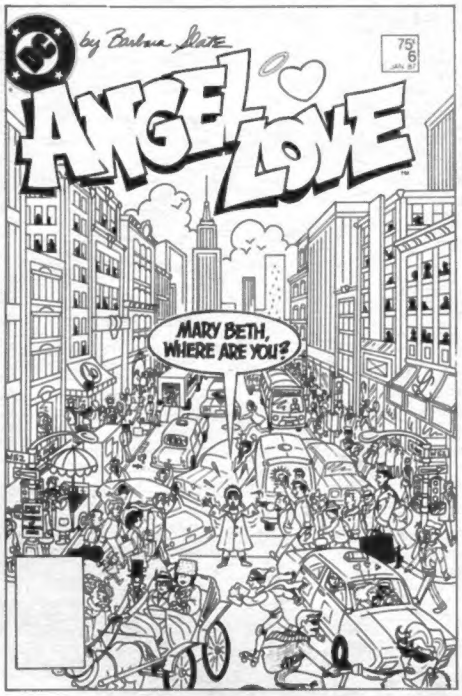
Jan. Listings

September 9th/October 2nd

Angel Love #6 *maxi-series*—Angel's mom is dying! The *only* person who has a chance of prolonging her life is Angel's sister. Only there's one major hitch: First Angel's got to find her! Story, art, and cover by Barbara Slate.

Demon #1 *mini-series*—The demon Etrigan returns in the first of a *four-part mini-series* that will take him and his host body, Jason Blood, on a terrifying journey through the realm of black magic. The secret of the Demon can be found in an ancient tomb, if only he can survive long enough to find it! Story and art by Matt Wagner, inked by Art Nichols. Cover by Wagner and Nichols.

Fury of Firestorm #55—A Legends Crossover! He's the luckiest man in the world, he can't be beaten, and he's on Firestorm's turf. That means the Nuclear Man's got plenty of luck going for him as well—all of it *bad!* Story by ***Legends'*** John Ostrander, with art by Joe Brozowski and Steve Mitchell. Cover by Brozowski and Bruce Patterson.



Tales of the Teen Titans #73—Tamaran beckons Starfire home, but even if her mission there is a success, she'll lose the most important person in her life: Nightwing! Meanwhile, on Earth, the rest of the Titans square off against Mento, but things just don't seem to be working out for them at all...! By Marv Wolfman, Eduardo Barreto, and Romeo Tanghal. Cover by Jerry Ordway. *Originally presented in* ***New Teen Titans #14.***

Hex #17—It's Hex's time to howl when he and the fearsome *Dogs of War* become unlikely allies in the battle against the Xxgg Liquidation Team. Michael Fleisher provided the story, with art and cover by Keith Giffen and Carlos Garzon.

Justice League of America #258—A Legends Crossover! Beginning a *monumental four-part "mini-series-within-a-series"!* It's the end of the JLA, but before the final curtain is drawn, many lives will be forever changed. Some will even be lost! Make sure you join writer J.M. DeMatteis and artists Luke McDonnell and Bob Smith for this earth-shattering tale. Cover by McDonnell and Smith.

The Outsiders #15—Biohazard, the living plague, is on the move, destroying everyone in its path! The Outsiders have to stop it—but can't without killing the plague's innocent victims as well! Written by Mike W. Barr and penciled by Dan Jurgens, who also drew the cover. *Deluxe format.*

Watchmen #5 *maxi-series*—Even a super-hero has to look over his shoulder in fear when night falls, but knowing there's someone out there after them won't save the Watchmen when the hero-killer strikes again, and Rorschach goes berserk. It would be a mistake to miss even a single issue of what is perhaps the most talked about maxi-series of all time! Written by Alan Moore, with art and cover by Dave Gibbons. *Deluxe format.*

Vigilante #37—*Vigilante is dead ... long live the Vigilante!* Adrian Chase picks up where his slain friend left off, on the trail of the international terrorist-killer, *the Peacemaker.* And this time, Adrian is out for blood and heaven help *anyone* who gets in his way. Written by Paul Kupperberg, art by Tod Smith and Rick Magyar. The cover is courtesy of Mike Grell. *Deluxe format.*

September 16th/October 9th

Electric Warrior #9—Derek Two-Shadow's fate is decided, yet it is still too soon for anyone to know if he is blessed or cursed! Script by Doug Moench, with pencils and a painted cover by Jim Baike, and interior inks by Pablo Marcos. *Deluxe format.*

Secret Origins #10—A Legends Spin-off! If this issue's unusual it's only because it's spotlighting perhaps the most unusual player in the DC Universe—the Phantom Stranger. Four creative teams produce a quartet of possible origins for you to choose from, because it's a sure bet the Stranger won't be talking! *Double-sized action* and mystery by Alan Moore and Joe Orlando; Paul Levitz and José Luis Garcia Lopez; Mike W. Barr and Jim Aparo; and Dan Mishkin and Ernie Colón. Cover by Aparo.

Superman #1—If you thought the ***Man of Steel*** *mini-series* was the most spectacular event to hit comic books up until today ... *you're right!* ***But*** that doesn't mean that even bigger and better excitement doesn't start *now* as John Byrne begins the *regular ongoing* ***Superman*** *saga* introducing us to Metallo, the Man with the Kryptonite heart! John writes and pencils (both story and cover), and is joined by former colleague-in-art, inker Terry Austin, for a story sure to have you on the edge of your seat!

Batman #403—In a stunning sequel to his story of last month, award-winning mystery writer Max Allan Collins shows us how Bruce Wayne's kindness allows a madman to discover the Batcave, placing not only the Caped Crusader's alter ego in jeopardy, but his life as well! Denys Cowan and Greg Brooks are the artists on the story and cover.

Blue Beetle #8—Chronos is his name, and the manipulation of time is his game, but when he clocks in with trouble for Chicago, you just know the Blue Beetle's got to get into the act. Can he do it before it's too late? Only time, and creators Len Wein, Paris Cullins, and Del Barras, will tell. Cover by Cullins and Barras.

Elvira's House of Mystery #11—Not only is this the spectacular final issue of horrordom's spookiest comic—not only does it feature *double-sized* stories and chills—not only is it a *special* ***Halloween issue*** –not only does it contain the winners in our great *"Find Cain Contest"*—but it's *also* got a cover of Elvira by Dave Stevens that's got to be seen to be believed! Howl!

N E W R E L E A S E S

G.I. Combat #287—Even combat-hardened vets like the crew of the Haunted Tank are shocked when stern Sgt. Craig's darkest secret is revealed in the heat of combat. Robert Kanigher wrote it, Sam Glanzman drew it, Joe Kubert crafted the cover, and *you* get all the action!

Legion of Super-Heroes #30—Brainiac Five's lucky day turns out to be someone else's worst! For the intimate details, join writer Paul Levitz, artists Greg LaRocque and Mike DeCarlo, and cover artist Steve Lightle, and check this one out.

Star Trek #34—Never did the final frontier of space seem *this* final as Admiral Kirk and the Excelsior are pitted against the looming threat of war with the Romulans! The start of this *three-part epic* is by Len Wein, Tom Sutton, and Ricardo Villagran. Cover by Joe Brozowski and Bob Smith.

September 23rd/October 16th

Warlord #113—Mariah makes the most difficult decision of her life as she leaves Machiste for the love of Travis Morgan. It's just too bad she may not live long enough to tell the Warlord about it. Written by Michael Fleisher, penciled and inked by Ron Randall, with a cover by Tom Grindberg and Randall.

Who's Who: The Definitive Directory of the DC Universe #23—Tantalizing and terrific, telling tales of Time Trapper, Tigorr, Teen Titans (truly!), Talia, Terminator, Timber Wolf, Tempest, Terra, and tons of other things. Tasteful teams of talented—uh, there's no word for artist that starts with "T", so forget it. Joe Staton and Dick Giordano created the cover.

Adventures of the Outsiders #41—Everybody dreams of hitting the big score, but few ever get the opportunity of facing the Bad Samaritan. Fewer still need face the odds he faces as the Outsiders *and* the Force of July try to stop him. Provided the two teams don't trash each other first! Mike W. Barr and Jim Aparo do the creative honors. *Originally presented in* ***Outsiders #3.***

Adventures of Superman #424—Don't think we're about to let up on you even a little in this month of Superman! Fresh on the heels of ***Superman #1*** comes this thrilling tale which not only *introduces* you to the ***new Adventures of Superman*** creative team of Marv Wolfman, Jerry Ordway, and Mike Machlan, but to the multi-faceted menace called Man O' War as well! All that, and a *full process color* cover by Ordway.

Booster Gold #12—With super-heroics come grave responsibilities, a fact brought brutally home to Booster after he traps the Director ... and discovers the only way to stop *this* bad guy for good is to kill him! Written and penciled by Dan Jurgens and inked by Mike DeCarlo. Jurgens and DeCarlo also did the cover.

Green Lantern Corps #208—A man's gotta do what a man's gotta do, even if some of these men are women, and most of them aren't *exactly* human! But when they see the enemy, the Green Lantern Corps tackles them, and that includes the Commies! Steve Englehart is the writer, Joe Staton the penciller, and Mark Farmer and Bruce Patterson are the inkers. Staton provides the cover.

Infinity, Inc. #34—The competition is getting positively deadly in the super-heroing business as the multi-villainous menace of Injustice, Unlimited, steps into the marketplace for a decidedly hostile takeover of the Infinitors' lives. The Global Guardians guest-star in this tale by Roy and Dann Thomas, penciller Todd McFarlane, and inker Tony DeZuniga. The cover's by McFarlane and DeZuniga. *Deluxe format.*

Swamp Thing #56—Swamp Thing is exiled from Earth to begin his most incredible journey ever, through the limitless reaches of the cosmos. Alan Moore, writer, with art by Rick Veitch and Alfredo Alcala, and a cover by Steve Bissette. *(Oh, and remember to fasten your seatbelts, because here's where things start getting really weird...)*

The New Teen Titans #27—The Titans better start praying, because they're tackling the Church of Brother Blood in their continuing search for Raven and Nightwing, and heaven help them if they lose the faith! By writer Marv Wolfman, and artists Kerry Gammill and Romeo Tanghal. *Deluxe format.*

September 30th/October 23rd

Dark Knight Hardcover Album—It's everything you read in the still-smoldering ***Dark Knight*** *four-issue mini-series* by Frank Miller, Klaus Janson, and Lynn Varley and more! *Reprinting the complete saga ... 200 spectacular, gloriously full-color pages with slight corrections, never-before-published material, plus an introduction written especially for this edition.* If you missed the original, or any part of it—because this book sold as fast as it could be put on the stands—here's your chance to catch it again. Even bigger and better than ever. And you didn't think *that* was possible!

Detective Comics #570—Catwoman's been one of the good guys for a while, right? Wrong! One of the Batman's deadliest foes returns to her life of crime, but an even greater danger lurks in the background in the leering form of the Joker. Written by Mike W. Barr, with art and cover by Alan Davis and Paul Neary.

D C F E A T U R E S

Legends #3 *mini-series*—Superman has always stood for truth, justice, and the American way, making him the last man you would expect to defy the wishes of the President of the United States—except when the fate of the world is at stake! ***Plus:*** The group we've all been waiting to meet ... ***The Suicide Squad!*** After this one's over, the world will never be the same, and we owe it all to writers John Ostrander and Len Wein, artist John Byrne (who also does the cover) and inker Karl Kesel.

Cosmic Boy #2 *mini-series*—***A Legends spin-off!*** The thing about history is its consistency. At least that's what Cosmic Boy used to believe until he discovers that the history he read about in the 30th Century is ***nothing*** like the history he's witnessing while visiting the 20th Century. Either the books are wrong ... or the whole century's out of whack! Paul Levitz, Keith Giffen, Ernie Colón, and Bob Smith are the creators. Steve Lightle does the cover.

All-Star Squadron #65—Even if chemistry was never your strong subject, you're going to want to check out *this* formula, because it's the one that gives speedster Johnny Quick his fleet feet. It's his never-before-revealed *secret origin,* by Roy Thomas, Don Heck, and Tony DeZuniga.

Hawkman #6—We're sorry there's no kitchen sink in here, but writer Tony Isabella *does* manage to squeeze just about everything else into this one: Lionmane on the loose; Hawkman on the brink of death; Hawkwoman fighting alone; *and* the return of the Gentleman Ghost! Then again, maybe artists Rich Howell and Don Heck snuck the sink in there somewhere after all. Howell and Bruce Patterson did the cover.

Action Comics #584—Super-month continues as writer/layout artist/cover artist John Byrne and finisher Dick Giordano prove that for every action there's an opposite reaction as Superman loses control of his body, and the guest-starring New Teen Titans may just have to pay the price for this with their lives!

October 7th/October 30th

Teen Titans Spotlight On: #6—Jericho holds the hotspot as we conclude the journey through the soulful Titan's buried past. Written by Marv Wolfman, art by Ross Andru and Larry Mahlstedt, with a cover by Denys Cowan.

History of the DC Universe #1 *mini-series—A stunning two-part mini-series in the breath-taking* ***48-page full-color Dark Knight*** *format!* It starts at the very dawn of time and takes us on a spectacular journey in words and pictures through the people and events that shaped the ***DC Universe*** through World War II. Marv Wolfman narrates the historic voyage, surrounded by art designed and crafted by George Pérez, embellished by the inks of Karl Kesel, and lavishly painted by colorist Tom Ziuko. With a cover by Pérez and Kesel unlike any you've ever seen on a comic ... but then, this isn't exactly your average comic! *This is the ultimate companion volume to last year's Crisis!*

Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes #343—It's a *very special tale* from the annals of Legion History as we go back to the ***first*** appearance of Wildfire, a classic told by Cary Bates and Dave Cockrum. ***Plus:*** A rare holiday treat by Paul Levitz, José Luis Garcia Lopez, and Dick Giordano. *(Originally presented in* ***Superboy #195.****)*

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writing and layouts, and Dick Giordano, John's inker on ***Man of Steel,*** is back as art finisher.

Are we trying to tell you this is going to be the hottest month ever for the Man of Steel? Well, the *last* time a comic called ***Superman #1*** appeared, almost 50 years ago, it made comic book history. This time around, we've got ***three first issues*** for you, which gives you three times as many chances to get in on history in the making!

There's going to be a strong continuity between all three, so you'll want to be sure you get them all! So, don't forget to look up in the sky ... because Superman is coming at you from the pages of ***Superman, The Adventures of Superman,*** *and* ***Action Comics,*** *and to miss any of that would be to miss out on three monthly excursions into the spectacular!*

The Demon

His name is Etrigan, but you can call him the Demon...

...On second thought, perhaps you'd be better off just reading about him and not calling his attention to yourself! Written and penciled by Matt Wagner, inked by Art Nichols, the ***Demon*** *four-part mini-series* delves into a supernatural world darker than any night, more evil than any human menace, and more frightening than the hell that spawned the Demon.

But don't expect your average tale of monsters, devils and mystical creatures in ***Demon.*** Watch, as the character you *thought* you knew already (from his years as part of the DC Universe) undergoes tremendous changes, some you might expect and others that will shock you. In his quest for the true secret behind his demonic persona, Jason Blood embarks on a search for the ancient manuscript that will answer all his questions. Too bad the answers are going to prove tougher—and deadlier—than the questions!

So grab your favorite good luck charm, find a well-lighted room near lots of people, and settle down to read the *first part* of the ***Demon*** *mini-series* (Matt is joined by inker Art Nichols for the stories). If you can get through this one without your blood being permanently chilled ... well, we figure we still have three more months to get you. *Heh heh heh!*

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